Facilities in PHCs in H.P.

504. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Primary Health Centres in remote areas/snow bound areas and backward area in Himachal Pradesh are in bad shape due to lack of staff, adequate facilities and medicines;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide proper facilities in these Health Centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c)Yes, Sir. However, addressing any shortcomings in public health care facilities, is the responsibility of respective State Governments. To bridge critical gaps, the Central Government provides financial, technical and commodity assistance for strengthening the delivery of health care services under the National Health Programmes such as:-

> repair/construction of Operation Theatre/Labour Room in Community Health Centres;

> provision of equipments/medicines for treatment of T.B. Leprosy and Family Welfare Programmes etc.;

> contractual appointments/hiring of Anesthetists/Gynaecologists/ Safe Motherhood Consultants/Staff Nurses and other paramedical staff.

> skill based in-service training for capacity building of ANMs and other health functionaries.

Continuous efforts are also made to increase the outreach of health care services through Swasthya Melas and Reproductive and Child Health Camps etc.

Scam in CGHS Medical stores, New Delhi

505. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of -HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major scam of drug and medicines was unearthed during last year at the CGHS Medical Stores, Gole market, New Delhi;